



# The Palmetto Partisan



The official publication of the South Carolina Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

## The Last Roll

Compatriot Edwin W. Stewart of Simpsonville, SC followed our ancestors on Oct. 4th.

Compatriot Horace Cone of the River's Bridge Camp also joined our ancestors on Nov. 19th.

Compatriot Randy Hudson of the Gen. Samuel McGowan Camp, Laurens was laid to rest on Dec. 16th.

## Longstreet Monument

erected and dedicated by the Sgt. Berry Benson Camp of North Augusta



## The

## Longstreet Monument

dedication was attended by 600 - many family members of Longstreet and his officers (Alexander, Wolford), SCV, (19 SCDiv. Camps) UDC, national, state, local dignitaries and 100 reenactors. This event has been 3 years in the planning and marks another milestone in the annals of Confederate History. The Sgt. Berry Benson Camp having researched and verified the birth place of Longstreet found it necessary to mark this ground with an everlasting reminder to all that a great American was born here in South Carolina.

Senators Norwood and Coverdale of GA made comments, letters from Senators Thurmond, Hollings, & Graham of SC, & Whelen of GA, Major Gen. Ackerman Cdr. of Ft. Gordon, were read. Over 50 wreaths were placed at the monument by every division in the SCV, many camps, UDC Chapters, the Sons of Union Vets and they sent a rep. who presented greetings. CiC Orlebeke and Past Nat. Pres. Gen. Palmer UDC spoke. USA Academy GA Association read a letter.

A special and personal Job Well Done Men !!! to all the compatriots of the Benson Camp.

To the left is a photo of the monument and many of the speakers, family members and Benson Camp Committee.





## International

Be patient HQ will be back and running full speed soon.

### *Notice to Members and Camp Adjutants*

**Make Address Corrections** to Camp Adjutant, Camp Adjutant to Division Adjutant - It is imperative that our mailing list be correct. In recent mailings of the Palmetto Partisan 75 letters were returned. This is unacceptable, we lost all cost savings of having a permit. Please help out and let us know.

## Division Information

1st. Brigade has a new Cdr.- Lloyd Turner of Greenville.

## Division Convention

The SC Division Convention is quickly upon us again. Register early, give the Host Camp a good idea of who is going to attend. They have sent out some preliminary inf. for you.

## Commanders Corner

This will be my last column as South Carolina Division Commander. As I write this letter there are less than 90 days left in my final term. For the last four years it has been my privilege to serve as Commander of our Division. I can think of no greater honor and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve in this high office. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of you who have worked so hard during the past four years to make our organization a success. I am proud to have had the opportunity to lead such a fine group of men. Since my election as Commander in March of 1994, we been through some dramatic and exciting times. During these years we have seen significant growth in membership and in new

Camps. The number of our Camps which are committed to preserving Confederate heritage in their communities is a great testament to the respect which our Compatriots have for the legacy of the South. Both great and small, these historical projects are the most important thing we do and ought to be the focus of our efforts. Of course, the most newsworthy events confronting our Division during the past four years have been on the Heritage front. In this regard we have had some amazing victories. We have succeeded in areas where our defeat seemed certain. Because of the resolution of our members, we have been able to fight for the true meaning of the Confederate cause in the press, in the courts, in the legislature and in the hearts and minds of our fellow South Carolinians. In November 1996 some very powerful people told me that because the SCV had only 2,000 members we would not be a factor in the decision over the Confederate flag's location and meaning. Clearly the result was much different. But it is just as clear that we need another 2,000 men in our ranks. Respect and deference for the true meaning of the Confederacy and her flags is higher in South Carolina today because of the hard work of the SCV. Despite these victories, our enemies remain restless in the pursuit of their objectives. Even as the SCV has triumphed here in South Carolina—as well as Georgia and Maryland of late—defeat is always close at hand, and vigilance should remain the orders of the day. The South Carolina Division is among the best in the Confederation. Our future is bright and, if we continue to work hard, we will be able to insure that the true story of the Confederate soldier will be told to the next generation.

While it is time for this administration to step aside and take its place in the shade of history, it is time for a new group of men to take command and lead us into the next year. The new century is almost upon us and it is not too early to begin laying the groundwork for our Division's long-range future. It is our obligation to be sure that our Division and our Camps are stable and firmly rooted. I have often been asked this question,

"When will the controversy over the flag be over?" The answer is simple, it wont. The people who don't like our heritage are loud and powerful. The only way the controversy will go away is if we submit to their will. As long as we are prepared in mind and resources, and have the will to use them, then we can be sure that the fighting spirit of the Confederate soldier remains in the hearts of the men of the Secession State

Chris Sullivan, Div. Cdr.

Editor's note: Div. Cdr. Sullivan would like all camps/compatriots to send him directly a summary of all camp and individual awards, from all levels, camp, division and international @ PO Box 50765, Col. SC 29250

## General Information

Received from Julian Mims of New York (a good southerner displaced) was of the Gary Camp Edgefield. The NARA - National Archives and Records Administration has just posted on its web site its entire collection of War-era photographs taken by Mathew Brady. 6,176 photos including Confederate. You may find them at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail/html>. If you would like to correspond with Julian his email is [mimsj@emi.com](mailto:mimsj@emi.com).

The S.C. Dept. of Archives and History will be closed 20 April 1998 to 4 May 1998. The archives will reopen 5 May in its new location at the SC Archives and History Center. All researchers planning to visit the S.C. Archives during the Spring of 1998 should call 803-734-8596 to verify reference room hours and document availability. Effective 5 May, the agency's new address will be: S.C. Dept. of Archives and History  
8301 Parklane Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29223  
803-896-6100  
[www.scdah.sc.edu/homepage.htm](http://www.scdah.sc.edu/homepage.htm)

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1997**

At its regular meeting Tuesday, the State Budget and Control Board accepted the appointment of Mr. Allen Roberson as the new Executive



Director for the Confederate Relic Room in Columbia.

Mr. Roberson, 45, is currently collections curator at the Marine Corps Museum at Parris Island, he also has worked at the state Department of Archives and History and McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina.

#### E-Mail Update

Jeff Quinton - McGowan Camp Laurens, [jquinton@backroads.net](mailto:jquinton@backroads.net)

Jeff also has the following WEB pages, visit and comment.

<http://www.backroads.net/~jquinton/confederate.htm>  
[reenact.htm](http://www.backroads.net/~jquinton/reenact.htm)  
[csa.htm](http://www.backroads.net/~jquinton/csa.htm)  
[scv.htm](http://www.backroads.net/~jquinton/scv.htm)

### Confederate Memorial Day

May 2, 1998

Columbia, SC

Elmwood Cemetery  
10:00 AM

Parade to  
State House  
11:15 AM

I urge all Camp and Brigade Cdrs. to emphasize this important date at their respective meetings. I also urge all Compatriots to set this day aside and make an EFFORT to be in attendance to remember THEIR ancestors. This is not meant to take the place of local observances, but a day we come together from across the state to honor our ancestors.

Please dress in a manner that would be appropriate for any memorial service, adults will

not be allowed to participate in the parade wearing tee shirts or shorts.

Cmpt. Rusty Rentz  
Chairman, 803-359-2551 W,  
359-7507 H.

### Division Report

Nearly every camp sending me a news letter has had a Christmas function and a Lee Jackson Banquet in the past months.

The Div. **Guardian program** has 78 full guardians, the following is a synopsis by camp:

With 12 - PGT Beauregard; 9 - 15th Reg SC Vols; 8 - Bee; 5 - Gary, Hampton, Jenkins; 4 - 16th SC; 3 - Secession, Battery White, Olde Abbeville, Colleton Rangers; 2 - 2nd SC Pickens, McGowan; 1 - Quattlebaum, Kershaw, Wood, Wheeler, Kinard, Walker-Gaston, WeeNee Vol, Coker, Gist, Rivers Bridge & Marlboro.

Thank you gentlemen for your dedication to duty.

**New Camps:** #835 Marlboro Camp in Bennettsville and potential Camps in Winnsboro and Summerville.

The Heritage Committee is proud to announce that its first fundraising sporting clay shoot netted \$950 and will become an annual event.

Cdr. Walker, Chairman of the Committee also reports of a possible Dove Hunt Fund Raiser and that the Bill for the SCV Personalized License Plate will hopefully pass. (Note: you should hear of this in a separate communication)

### Brigade # 1 News

Anderson - Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp - has received a request from the Pendleton District Historical Commission, that one of the Pendleton Schools would like a copy of one of the prints (WBTS) that the camp is selling.

Laurens - BG McGowan Camp reading for the Division Convention. See pages 5-7 for convention details and info.

Abbeville - Olde Abbeville Camp conducting a raffle of the "Fort Sumter Under Attack" print, installed a gate to the Tabernacle Cemetery

Greenville - the 16th. SC Camp held its annual Halloween Night Guardian Watch at local cemeteries, recently encouraged the city to post directional signs for their museum, visit their web site [www.viperlink.net/members/mkeller](http://www.viperlink.net/members/mkeller)

Pickens - the 2nd. SC Pickens Camp held its annual Southern Social.

### Brigade # 2 News

West Springs - the Gist camp recovering from the Battle of Rose Hill reenactment.

Rock Hill - the Jenkins Camp is restoring the markers on the Jefferson Davis Historical trail

Chester - Walker Gaston Camp raffled a \$50 shopping spree and held joint meeting with the Winnsboro and Witherspoon Barnes Camps.

### Brigade # 3 News

North Augusta - the Sgt. Berry Benson Camp hosted a Southern Social and the Longstreet Marker dedication.

Aiken - the Bee Camp participated at the Jaycee Fair again with sales and information; reading for the 4th. Annual Battle of Aiken Reenactment

Edgefield - the Gary Camp assisted again with the Oakley House Lantern Tour, has obtained permission to restore the Butler Gravesite in the Willowbrook Cemetery.

Newberry - Kinard Camp - has raised \$9000 for its monument restoration and has an underwriter to match funds. A tentative date in May is being planned for its dedication.



Batesburg-Leesville - the Quattlebaum Camp working on obtaining camp colors, cleaning grave site in Gilbert, and restoring Gen. Quattlebaum's grave site.

Saluda - the Bonham Camp opened its Camp store at the Young Farmers Truck and Tractor Pull and has a shotgun raffle in progress.

### Brigade # 4 News

Camden - Union and Confederate re-enactors in full uniform stood shoulder-to-shoulder. They fired rifles in simultaneous salute a brief ceremony in the biting cold at the historic Quaker Cemetery remembered Sgt. Richard Kirkland. The Camden-born teen-ager risked his life at the bloody Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., 135 years ago to comfort not his gray-clad comrades but the enemy in blue.

Kirkland got reluctant permission from his commanders to provide water to dozens of the enemy mowed down by Confederate guns across a wall in an area called Mayre's Heights.

Robert L. Brown of Sumter said in remarks "Kirkland's courage and selfless action that day stand out in all the many acts of bravery in that terrible war, because it showed to all of us that our humanity and Christian values can survive in the midst of war and killing, and the warrior can rise above the nature of war which seeks to dehumanize him."

Kirkland is one of only a handful of enlisted men of the Civil War who have individual monuments erected to them, said J.J. Fox.

Besides a large marker at Fredericksburg, Kirkland also is listed as a hero on a stone marker in the Prince of Peach Church at Gettysburg, Fox said. Kirkland drew the name "The Angel of Mayre's Heights" from those who saw his

bravery. (editor's note - he has also receive the SCV Medal of Honor which is displayed in the SC State House.)

The ceremony was sponsored by the John V. Kennedy chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

By CLARK SURRATT  
Senior Writer the STATE PAPER  
modified for inf. only

### Brigade # 5 News

Rivers Bridge - the camp held a memorial for the Breland brothers, held a family picnic, cleaned the boat landing again and at Broxton Bridge was the sight for the first Secession Day Heritage Shoot to benefit the Heritage Defense Fund - a Div. fund raising event.

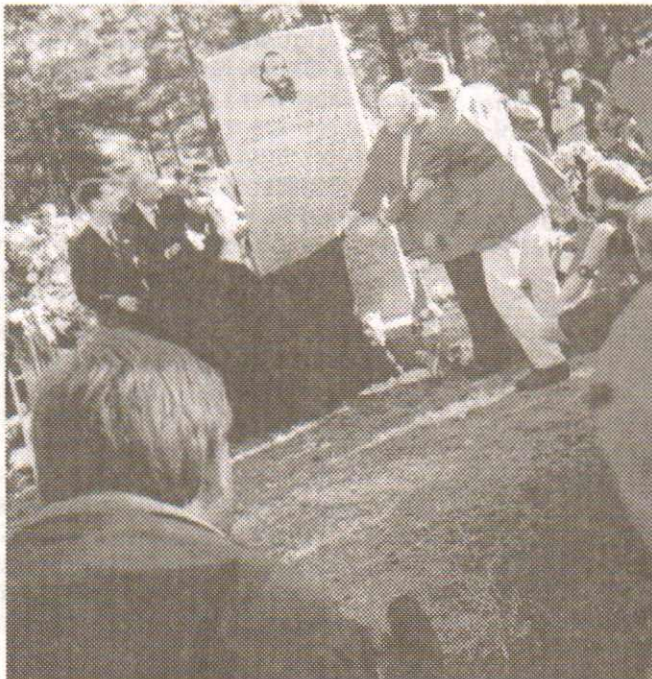
Barnwell - the Duncan Camp has been placing Crosses of Honor and been actively working on the Gen. Haygood Cemetery.

### Brigade # 6 News

Moncks Corner - the Gen. Ellison Capers Camp has placed Iron Crosses of Honor and has a Hwy. clean-up scheduled for Feb. 21st., held annual Grey Day with State Senators McConnel and Ravenel in attendance.

Conway - the Litchfield Camp held a raffle, membership drive, working on resetting the 1930 WBTS monument, and is cleaning the bronze plaque set by the SCV in the 40's at the Horry Co. Courthouse.

Charleston - the Secession Camp members donated to the Anderson Camp memorial fund.





1998  
**South Carolina Division Convention  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
A Special Time..... At Special Places**

Friday, April 3 - A social for ALL SCV members and guest will be at The Villa at Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center in Laurens. The Villa was the home of Colonel John Drayton Williams, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession from Laurens County.

Saturday, April 4 - The business meeting as well as the BBQ will be at Thornwell Home and School for Children in Clinton. Thornwell was built as an orphanage for families of Confederate Veterans.

Sunday, April 5 - The memorial service will take place at Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church near Clinton. Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Laurens county. Many Confederate soldiers as well as Dr. Thomas Wier, a signer of the Ordinance of Secession, are buried here.

For hotel reservations call Days Inn at Highway 56 & I-26 near Clinton, S.C. (864) 833-6600.  
Rates; \$45.00 Double or King.

### **The Villa**

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986, the Williams-Ball-Copeland House, known to many as the Villa, was built when the nation was on the brink of the War for Southern Independence. On January 11, 1837, Col. John Drayton Williams bought the land that would be used to build his winter townhouse two decades later. Begun in 1859 and completed in 1861, this magnificent Italian Villa style house is the only one of its kind in this section of the country. The address for Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center (The Villa) is 1 Martha Franks Dr. Laurens.

### **Thornwell Home & School for Children**

William Plumer Jacobs moved to Clinton in 1865 and began working and sharing his dreams with folks in the community. With the unrelenting belief that God so willed and therefore would support the endeavor of an orphanage, Thornwell became a reality. The first donation was from a 10 y r. old boy named Willie Anderson, who gave Dr. Jacobs fifty cents "to build your orphanage". Build it he did, with the help of his church, First Presbyterian. Dr. Jacobs named the home for his beloved professor and friend, James Henley Thornwell. On Oct. 1, 1875, Thornwell opened its doors to eight orphans of Confederate soldiers. The street address for Thornwell is, 300 South Broad St., Clinton. If you get lost beep Cmpt. Mike Bryant @ 1-800-993-1924 he will be glad to call anyone back and give assistance.

See maps on page 7.



**Sons of Confederate Veterans  
1998 South Carolina Division Convention  
April 3, 4, & 5, 1998**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Brigadier General Samuel McGowan Camp #40  
Laurens, South Carolina**

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank, Title and / or Real Son: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$35.00 each# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes Friday night social, Saturday business,  
and Saturday night BBQ)

Late Registration (after March 10) \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Memorial (before March 10) \$5.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Display Table for SCV Camps \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to : Brigadier General Samuel McGowan Camp #40  
P.O. Box 453  
Laurens, S.C. 29360

Questions ? Call: Commander Robert Roper III (864) 682-3775  
Lt. Commander Mike Bryant (864) 575-2955

**Ancestor Memorial Order Form**

Ancestor Memorial will appear in the program. Deadline March 10.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor & Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Regiment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Color Guard Registration**

(Opening & Closing Ceremonies/Memorial Service)

Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Dan Pettinato for details @ (864) 476-6295



This is a detailed street map of the Lawrence, Kansas area. The map shows a network of roads, including major highways like I-30 and I-227, and numerous local streets. Key streets labeled include Frontage Rd, Owens Rd, Bramlet Rd, Herman Rd, Moore Rd, Bonds Rd, Gibbs Rd, Dr Long Rd, Burton Rd, Old Stagecoach Rd, Crestwood Rd, W S Sunview Rd, Pleasant Dr, S Harper St, E Main St, Exchange Dr, Calhoun St, Green St, E Parley Ave, Sullivan St, Chesham St, W Fencham, and Lake St. The map also shows the Lawrence River and several parks. A scale bar in miles (0 to 2) and a north arrow are included in the bottom right corner.





David Keebaugh of Newville, PA and Longstreet Monument

Important Dates

April 3-5, 1998 State Reunion, Laurens, SC  
May 2, 1998 State Wide Confederate Memorial Day, Columbia, SC  
August 5-8, 1998 International Reunion, St. Louis, Missouri

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